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Pumping Up the Puma Pride

Students bring spirit to home football game

By Randee Portteus
Staff Editor

"Pumas are pumping up the pride!" says senior Puma Activities Council (PAC) president Katie Coyell. PAC, Student Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC), and the Student Association (SA) are teaming up to bring more Puma Pride to campus. The way that they are doing this is with a new student section at the football and basketball games. This is following the example of many larger schools, who have a specific section for the students to sit in at games. "My goal with all of this is to bring some Puma Pride back to campus," says junior Student Association President Katie Dittman.

The new student section was first used on Saturday, September 22nd at the first Puma football home game. Students who came received a free maroon shirt from student ushers, who guided them to the student section. They must wear this shirt in order to sit in the student section at the other home games.

The student section sits near the band and has specific rules. For instance, sitting is not allowed. In addition, students also made a human tunnel for the football team to run through and onto the field.

A handful of students braved the chilly weather to watch the game and cheer the football team to victory. Many students had their faces painted, wore their new



Photos courtesy of News Editor
Randee Portteus

(Top) Saint Joseph's College students at the football game on Saturday, September 22nd cheering on the Pumas from the new student section.

(Bottom) Junior Psychology major Kylie Weeks is hoisted into the air by her fellow students after the Pumas make their first touchdown and field goal.



Puma Pride t-shirts, and some even painted their bodies or dyed their hair. Everyone stood for the whole game, cheered almost constantly, and even lifted their fellow classmates into the air after a touchdown. "It's a really great atmosphere to be in," said junior Elementary Education major Danielle Snyder of the student section. Overall, the student

section's first run seemed to be a success.

Football is not the only sport that will get this special treatment. In the winter, the basketball games will also have a student section, and a different t-shirt will be provided then. There will

also be a special "black out" and "white out game. You must sign up for those to get a black and a white t-shirt. These t-shirts will also be free. If all goes well, SAAC, PAC, and SA hope to expand the student section to all sports.

Homecoming Weekend offers student, alumni activities

By Jessica Ruschke
Editor-in-Chief

Homecoming Weekend always means lots of activities for alumni and students. This year is no different. The weekend is packed with different events.

On Saturday students and alumni can enjoy the football game against Quincy University. The Marching Pumas will perform during half-time and the Homecoming King and Queen will be announced. The student section that began last weekend will continue. Students are encouraged to come out and support the football team.

The annual Beer and Brat tent will be back again.

The football game is not the only athletic event of the day. Fall sport teams will be playing throughout the day. Alumni

matches against different sport teams will also happen throughout the day.

Married alumni have the opportunity to renew their vows in a special Mass at 10:30 A.M. in the Saint Joseph's College Chapel. Children who come to see their siblings and children of alumni can enjoy the Kid's Art Tent run by Associate Professor of Art Bonnie Zimmer. Students from the art club and any other interested students are welcome to volunteer to help the kids with different crafts, including tie-dye.

Homecoming Weekend offers something for everyone and gives all Pumas a chance to show their pride. PAC president senior Elementary Education major Katie Coryell said, "It's just a great time to be with friends and alumni alike."



Photo courtesy of Jessica Ruschke
PAC President senior Elementary Education major Katie Coryell and junior Elementary Education major Julie Hays show off their Puma Pride by dressing up in their favorite sports jerseys for Monday's Spirit Day.



College offers MBA

Students invited to apply for program

By Jessica Ruschke
Editor-in-Chief

Students considering continuing their education in the field of business beyond graduation can find an MBA program here at Saint Joseph's College. In one year of study, students can earn a master's degree to help them further their career goals.

Program Director Associate Professor of Management and Marketing Linda McFarland is willing to speak to any Saint Joseph's College students interested in the program. She held an information session on campus September 26 for interested students. For those who missed the first session, another presentation will be given on October 3 at the St. Elizabeth School of Nursing in Lafayette, IN from 7 - 9 pm EDT. Door prizes and giveaways will be part of the evening.

The MBA program continues the ideas of the Core Program, which sets it apart from other programs out there. "Our MBA program is different from other MBA programs because it is built on the ideas of ethics, social



Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.
The MBA program is built on the same Christian Humanist values as the Core Program.

responsibility, and justice, which gives it a different slant in our world today. It continues our undergraduate idea of Christian Humanism," said Professor McFarland.

Seniors can take two of the required courses for the program in their final semesters and transfer them into the program, allowing them to take fewer

classes and finish in one year. The cost for the program is a little over \$16,000.

In order to apply students need three letters of recommendation, all undergraduate transcripts, and a letter of intent. Interested students can contact Professor McFarland lindam@saintjoe.edu.

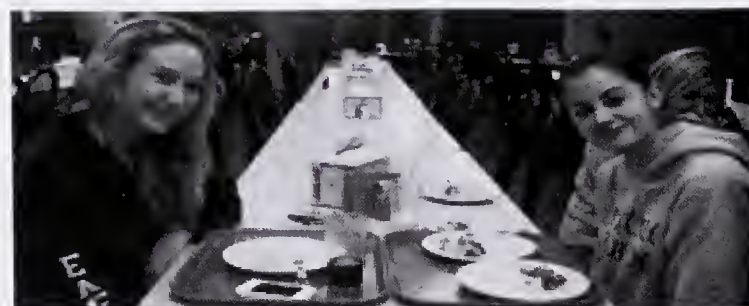


Photo courtesy of Jessica Ruschke. After the SA vote students can decide for themselves about whether or not to have a tray.

SA votes for trays

By Alex Yong
News Writer

For the weeks of September 3 and September 10, Saint Joseph's College removed the trays from the Cafeteria in an experiment to test out going completely trayless. On September 12, after the trial period ended, the Student Association voted to bring the trays back to the Caf, with only 7 opposed and 3 abstaining from the vote altogether.

"I think it was a good idea. The decision benefited the students," student body President Katie Dittman said. "A lot of them did not want to go trayless."

Junior Political Science major Seth Arthur also agreed with the decision. "I thought that the Senate did a good job putting aside their biases on the matter."

Arthur pointed out how unpopular the trayless decision was with the student body, and

how that influenced the decision of the voting body.

Arthur said, "It was a good idea to be trayless, but the vote was the right decision for what the students wanted."

However, not everyone supported the decision. "I voted no because we took the St. Francis pledge to do something about the environment," sophomore Mary Kate Hresil said.

"I'm big on sustainability and I think that [going trayless] was the right direction," student body Secretary Katie Coryell said. "I hope we in the future become more green."

The main arguments for going trayless were that forgoing them would save water that was originally needed to clean them and cut down on food waste. However, during the trial period no data was recorded on how much food was wasted without the trays.

Green Pumas, interns continue "Green" projects

By Allison Stanton
News Writer

Saint Joseph's College offers many different clubs, including the Green Pumas. The Green Pumas is the Sustainability Club on campus. They are a campus group working diligently to bring back some of Saint Joseph's College's self-sustainability, at least for food.

Last year, the Green Pumas planted potatoes beyond the soccer field. Apple, pear, and nut trees also form an orchard across from Schweitemann. These saplings are anticipated to launch the club's goals into high gear. The club directs its attention towards becoming self-reliant with food (as well as being "green") as the college had been in its previous history. The orchard is certainly not the only vegetation that the college has planted, for there is also a garden that contains numerous types of vegetables. Peas, lettuce, and radishes cover one section, while the other section has carrots, parsley, and spinach. The carrot section is covered by a device that is called a "hoop house". "The hoop house is basically a moveable greenhouse," says junior Mass Communication and Religion/Philosophy double major and Sustainability intern Jessica

Curbis, "During the winter it will be covered with a tarp to keep the plants warm so they can grow during the winter." The garden plans are hoped to develop even farther beyond the hoop houses, and the moveable greenhouses can be used for even more vegetation.

Students are also able to complete internships in different areas of the green initiatives. Sophomore Music Major Jessica Hall and senior Biology major Adrienne DiRuzza are two active interns. They work alongside Green Puma sponsor Associate Professor of Education Lana Zimmer to help tend the garden on a daily basis.

Junior Elementary Education major Natalie Gouwens and sophomore Mass Communication major Hanna Kane are also interns associated with the Green Pumas. They are working with Sodexo, to brainstorm ideas on how to become more "green."

In order to help publicize these efforts, Jessica Curbis is creating a Facebook page to post pictures and to post things related to the self-reliability movements. It will also be considered an open forum for updates, events, and tasteful comments. Tying technology and the innovations of the Green Pumas help everyone to see what exactly the club is up to.

Campus group practices Tai Chi



Photo courtesy of Dominique Maybank
Tai Chi participants practice different movements.

By Dominique Maybank
News Writer

One of the most calming things that is offered on the SJC campus is Tai Chi. It is not only calming, but it is also mentally, emotionally, and physically beneficial. How? With the precise and specific movements that are made in Tai Chi, your body learns to strengthen muscles that are rarely used. With the breathing exercises to calm you, as well as Tai Chi, many people leave feeling "energized," "refreshed," and "relaxed."

Tai Chi is held on floor one and a half, also known as 1A, in the Gasper Center in Schweitemann two times a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

Tai Chi isn't like Pilates or

Yoga. Tai Chi is actually a type of martial arts in slow motion that originated in China. The type of Tai Chi practiced on campus is called the Five Family Tai Chi. This particular martial art is often used not just for self-defense, but also as rehabilitation, and a way to channel more focus and comfortable meditation.

One of the best parts of Tai Chi is it isn't some sort of overly intense club you must attend every week. Just like every club, sport, or intramural activity, Tai Chi is for anyone who wishes to come. Whether you wish to come and observe, participate, or even learn how to lead. Currently, the most active members include one retiree, two current employees, and a friend of a retiree who simply lives in the area and enjoys coming.

Upcoming Puma Events

9/28 Homecoming Pep Rally - Show your school spirit and cheer on the team!

9/29 - 30 Homecoming Weekend - Enjoy the game and other Homecoming activities!

9/29 Puma Power 5K Walk/Run - Come out for the 5K as part of the Homecoming festivities!

10/3 PAC Bingo Night - Come out to the Courtney Auditorium for BINGO. There will be prizes!

10/14 -17 Busy Student Retreat - Take an hour a day to reflect on your spiritual life.

Garden Shambles

By Anna Rohaly
Opinions Editor

For about the first two and a half weeks of this school year, pots filled with very dead, dried, and brown plants hung outside the doors of the Welcome Center. The message they were sending prospective students and their parents? “Welcome to Saint Joe’s, the college that can’t even keep plants alive. You should come here for school!” While those plants have recently been taken down, there is really no telling how long they had been that dead and how long they had been acting as the face of Saint Joe.

Beyond the dead plants hanging outside of the Welcome Center, there are other things

that show signs of neglect to prospective students by way of landscaping. Each year that I have been at Saint Joseph’s, the gardens throughout campus have gotten progressively worse, left to battle chaos and weeds. The flower beds are more weeds than beauty, and everything in our landscaping screams that we just don’t care what our school looks like and how we present ourselves. Unfortunately, a garden is one of those things that can either be beautiful or it can be hands off but never both. Without work and discipline, the garden once beautiful becomes an eye sore.

I understand that gardening is time consuming, but I

also understand that when a prospective student is visiting, it all comes down to how we present ourselves. When I came to look at Saint Joe for the first time, one of the aspects of campus that I was most excited about was the beauty of campus. The flower beds, while still not perfect, were much better kept and combined with the waterfalls in the Grotto and the old trees covering campus, I was floored by the peaceful serenity of the college’s beauty. Four years later I can honestly say that if I were coming to visit Saint Joe as a prospective student now, I would be leaving with a sense of uneasiness. If a school doesn’t put any work into its appearance and self presentation, how do I know

that it will put any time or work into educating me?

The fact is, it is time for Saint Joe to start taking pride in itself again. The gardens are just a small symptom of an apathy that has come and settled over the campus. There is no puma pride here anymore, and if the college is going to continue, we have to start owning that we are PUMAS and we can make a difference. We have to start showing that pride in the face of our campus. Improvements must be made and some of the simplest improvements would be to the gardens. It demands work, staffing, and some funding, but this is the home of the Pumas. Can’t we make it beautiful again?

Comics Corner

By Olivia Markwalder
Guest Artist

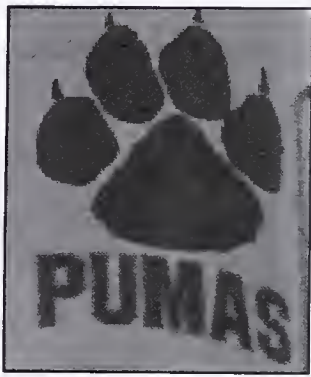


Students, Show Some Puma Pride!

By Matthew Hess
Opinions Writer

This weekend is Homecoming. For pumas this means Core XI, football, a 5k run, and Dorm Wars. But the most important thing to do this weekend is show your puma pride. Get out there and wear your cardinal red and purple! Be proud to be going here and making undergrad memories; because, no doubt, the alums will be showing their pride and remembering their days here.

However, let’s not leave it at this weekend. When Monday comes around and pumas are back in classes again, why do we have to leave our school spirit at the stadium (or forget it at Core XI)? Pumas, carry that homecoming pride with you! Take it to sporting events and student gatherings all year long.



One of the great things the Student Association is beginning to do is ramp up the student section. Now this section will be an official thing, with room for students to get creative and show their puma pride. There is a free t-shirt that will be just for students designed by

students. The whole section will begin football games by making a human tunnel for the football team to run under. However, don’t think that this is just for football. There are plans to add student sections to other sports

so that excitement and pride for our college is spread throughout the year.

So this weekend go out to Core XI. Make great memories here with your friends. Wear your puma wear and cheer the team on to victory! It’s a great day to be a Puma, now show lets it!

Understanding Introverts

By Tabitha Blaisdell
Opinions Writer

Although the personality of an introvert doesn’t exactly scream life of the party, we introverts aren’t entirely how others make us out to be either. I can tell you from the perspective of an introvert that people have given me many labels over time in which I’d never associate myself. Some of these titles include; rude, shy, snobby, antisocial and unfriendly. It’s a common misconception that quiet people are shy people. However, in my opinion that’s not always the case.

Some people are just natural introverts like me. We gain energy from thinking, listening and observing rather than talking and socializing. I have a particular quote that I made up awhile back which I use when referring to my socialization habits. “I’m not much of a social butterfly; I’m

more of an awkward caterpillar.” What this means to me is that I habitually present myself in a relatively awkward manner. I like to be noticed as does anyone else, but I don’t display myself in a manner that will grab the attention of everyone.

If you’re an introvert and have frequently been mistaken for being shy or antisocial, you know where I’m coming from when I say how frustrating it can be. I enjoy a pleasant conversation and good company just as much as the average person does. My view and way of initiating a conversation may be different from yours, but that doesn’t mean I’m not a sociable person. I just socialize in alternative ways. Quiet people tend to have the loudest thoughts and what we do with our thoughts is expressed in another way. I prefer to express my thoughts through writing which differs

from an outspoken person who likes all of their thoughts to be heard publicly. Introverts also have a different setting in which they prefer to socialize. Most of us like to talk in small crowds or groups of people rather than make conversation with everyone in the room.

I’d like to point out the main differences between shy people and introverts. Shy people don’t communicate with others out of fear or embarrassment opposed to introverts who are content with being an observer and speaking when they feel like it. Introverts have a natural preference to be alone or in small crowds compared to shy people who intentionally keep to themselves out of anxiety.

Another misinterpretation about quiet people in general is that we are unfriendly. It can sometimes appear that way

because of our reserved nature and how we present ourselves in public. However, that’s not the impression we intend to give. We adapt our personalities based on what type of environment we are in. You shouldn’t assume that a quiet person is a shy person or that one or the other is unfriendly just because they don’t communicate as loudly as you do. It’s completely fine to be a shy person or an introvert, but it can get exasperating to be mistaken for something you’re not.

I hope that I have effectively clarified the differences of introverts and shy people and that this will benefit others in understanding us more. Maybe it will even establish a whole new perspective about shy people and introverts than what some of you may have held before.

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Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

By **Randee Portteus**
News Co-editor

This book was not one that was easy for me to get through. I've led a fairly sheltered life, always protected by my parents, older siblings, and loyal friends. The worst things I've been through are some rough ER visits and a crappy two-month relationship with a boy who told me what to wear and who to hang out with. So for me, the content of *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* was rather hard to stomach. This seems to be the general consensus about the novel.

Stieg Larsson's novel was published posthumously in 2005 in Sweden. In 2008, it was translated into English and became a best seller in both England and the United States. The book is the first of the Millennium Trilogy, named for the magazine that the main character works for. There have been two film adaptations of the first book, one of which was released in the United States in 2011. This film is the reason I chose to read the book.

I had heard a lot about this novel, and seen the preview for the movie. It wasn't until I tried and failed to watch the movie that I decided to pick up the novel. The story begins with

Mikael Blomkvist, a journalist who has just been convicted of libel, being approached by Henrik Vanger, who asks him to locate his missing niece, Harriet, who

disappeared several decades ago. Reluctantly, Blomkvist takes the job and begins to slowly uncover the dark mystery surrounding the Vanger family. He is joined by

Lisbeth Salander, a tattooed and quiet woman in her twenties. She helps Blomkvist research and eventually uncover the answer to what happened to Harriet Vanger.

Stieg Larsson's book is the closest thing to a modern masterpiece I've seen. His writing is intelligent, intricate, and knowledgeable. He weaves a web of mystery and intrigue that was fascinating. The mystery of what happened to Harriet Vanger is the reason I just had to keep reading. The conclusion to this plotline was unusually satisfying. In addition, Larsson adds layers of subplot, involving multiple characters. The conclusions to these are less satisfying, but perhaps more realistic. In this work, Larsson creates a sort of literary Monet painting, where we begin up close, studying and learning about tiny, seemingly insignificant details. Then we take a step back and take in more, and more, until finally we see the whole picture brought together as one. The result was really quite stunning.

I'm not quite sure what to make of the characters. I didn't care much for Blomkvist, but that could be because he's so

Now that this racy book has become an equally racy film, would you prefer to read about the gore or go see it?
Image: <http://4.bp.blogspot.com>

different from me. He is a foreign creature to me – laid back, sexual, with a brain for business and investigation. He was an all right character. Lisbeth Salander, on the other hand, was a character I couldn't get enough of. I found her appearance and attitude fascinating, and as I learned more about her, she only became more interesting. She was a character I truly enjoyed, and is now listed as one of my favorites of all time. The cast of characters that is the Vanger clan are detestable at one moment, and enjoyable the next. They are a truly dysfunctional family that makes me feel much better about mine. Much more information than that and I'll give away all the book's secrets.

Overall, the book was one of the best I've read in a very long time. It's a fascinating and well-written murder mystery. The forays that Larsson takes into the darker side of life are necessary, just difficult to take at times. I'm giving the book a rating of 4 out of 5, because I just couldn't get over some of the material. Those made of tougher stuff than I may like it more. I do have to say, though, that I still want to read the other two books, even after I could barely read the first. That certainly says something about the book, don't you think?



Core Book Review: Gilgamesh

By **Nicole Thomsen**
Staff Writer

The Epic of Gilgamesh, a new English version by Stephen Mitchell, wasn't really all that epic. This is not meant to be demeaning in any way. The story itself was pretty epic, but Gilgamesh the character was not. He opens the book by being an oppressive king who takes advantage of his power and his kingdom. The people who live under him are so fed up with his ways that they ask the gods to help them. Therefore the gods send down an equal, Enkidu, who, as opposed to Gilgamesh who is two thirds god and one third human, is two thirds beast. Shortly after being created, Enkidu gets into a tussle with Gilgamesh who realizes for the first time someone is actually like him, and his equal. Then they start kissing and hugging and become the best of friends. And like all the other best of friends in the world, they have to have their

own adventure. This is exactly what makes Gilgamesh not so epic.

They decided to take down the Guardian of the Cedar Forest, Humbaba. They make him out to be some giant monster when really he is a merciful caretaker of the forest. Gilgamesh and Enkidu slaughter him just to take the glory and fame of it all. Then they chop down the Ancient trees of the Cedar Forest just because they can. The truth is they're bullies. They abuse their power, and moreover, they do what every typical human being does, destroy anything and everything that is natural or from nature.

As it was discussed in my Core Three lecture, the fight between Gilgamesh, Enkidu, and Humbaba, represents man versus nature. As usual, man conquers nature. Should it be that way? Probably not. One would think that because this is supposedly, "The Oldest Story Ever Told," that people would have learned from that lesson. Clearly that

didn't happen, because here we are in the twenty first century with a huge environmental and global crisis. Even with the final message of the story- live the best life you can live- people have not figured out what to do. The book finishes rather repetitively, with more adventures on Gilgamesh's part.

Personally, I didn't care for any of the characters in the story. For the most part, they all seem self-centered and insolent. The book's best quality would most likely be its hidden symbolism. Before my discussion class the events in the books just seemed to be plain and simple; but after my discussion class, the whole plot came to life. You realize what everyone represents, and what their journeys actually stand for. All in all, Gilgamesh is a good and pretty quick read. If there is a book that should actually be read in Core Three and not just skimmed through, Gilgamesh is it.

Music Spotlight: The Lumineers

By **Jennie Weer**
Staff Writer



This is my first semester at Saint Joseph's College and my first semester being a DJ for 93.3, The Joe, our radio station here on campus. While being a DJ and playing what seems like every kind of music imaginable, (we DO play whatever) I've heard a song repeated over and over by a band called The Lumineers. Being my usual procrastinating self, I avoided my regular homework and skipped to some research on this group.

The group started as just Jeremiah Fraites and Wesley Schultz in 2002. That year Jeremiah's brother, Josh, died from a drug overdose. Through the sadness, these two guys wrote songs to cope and eventually decided they would form a band.

The first thing they did was place an ad on Craigslist for a cellist, and the first person to respond was Neyla Pekarek. The group has added more musicians for their sold-out tour, which was all summer and is continuing in the next few months in the UK.

The Lumineers are classified

as a folk rock band. They're from Denver Colorado. The band's first album debuted in April of this year, and their single, "Ho Hey," the most frequently played Lumineers song on The Joe, debuted in June and reached number ninety on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, selling over 500,000 copies.

They gained fast fans who have been demanding a second album ever since their first became such a hit.

As far as being publicized through social media, The Lumineers have been featured as special musical guests on many late night talk shows including The Conan O'Brian Show, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, and The Late Show with David Letterman. You can even catch them in the most recent Rolling Stone's magazine!

Next time you hear one of The Lumineers songs on The Joe, you can remember this story and sing along to one of their hits. Keep an eye out, because I have a feeling soon they'll be the next big thing!



Here is a stone carving depicting Gilgamehs and Enkidu killing Humbaba. Do you agree that they were in the wrong for killing the Cedar Forest Guardian? Or were the two "men" in the right in seeking their adventure?
Image: <http://blsciblogs.baruch.cuny.edu/warriorsanonymous/category/gilgamesh/>

Movie Opportunities in “Rensseltucky”

By Anna Rohaly
Staff Writer

As students, we all have moments when we are just too busy. When this happens, we all know how important it is to step back from what we are doing and take a break to let our minds rest for a while. Watching a movie can be an enjoyable way to achieve this down time, but sometimes Netflix doesn't quite cut it if you need an escape from campus. If you need to get off campus though, you have to know where to look in Rensselaer to find the movie theaters. In the past few weeks there have been a few students who have gone in search of movie theaters, asking around about where to catch a movie in good old Rensselaer. While we may not have a mall or a Taco Bell in town, we certainly can enjoy having two movie theaters that are within two miles of campus, offer great entertainment, and are both priced within a reasonable budget.

The closest theater, located right behind Walmart and Ricos, is the Fountain Stone Theater. This theater is much like most other chain theaters with a modernized interior feel that is comfortable and welcoming. The Fountain Stone also offers a very wide variety of movies in a very timely fashion. The movies come out, and for the most part, they are available for viewing immediately or shortly thereafter. Where variety abounds however, so do the prices. While reasonably priced compared to other theaters, the Fountain Stone may not be the best fit for the movie loving college student's wallet. Showings before 6:00p.m. are \$5.50 while showings later in the evening are \$8.00. The Fountain Stone also offers some movies in 3D which are priced at \$10.00. Currently playing are Finding Nemo 3D, Finding Nemo, The Possession, Lawless, Resident Evil: Retribution 3D, Resident Evil: Retribution, and The Odd

Life of Timothy Green. This movie theater is for variety and is also very cozy and has a clean, familiar, modern feel. You can find the show times and updated movie listings online at www.fountainstonetheaters.com.

While the Fountain Stone has variety and a feel of modern day surroundings, the Ritz Cinema has the Fountain Stone beat in both the old fashioned charm and the price categories. The Ritz was built in 1928 and was known then as the Palace Theater. It hosted scores of classic movies, such as Gone with the Wind, until it was closed for remodeling in 1982, only to remain closed until the coming of a new century. The theater was not reopened until 2006, when Bill Alger took over and renamed it the Ritz Cinema. The building has retained its historic look throughout renovations, from the ticket box out front to the old time actors who line the walls of the movie hall. Sticking to it's history, the

Ritz was also all film fed movies up until this past December when they bit the bullet and converted over to digital.

The Ritz is also furnished with incredibly comfortable seating and lots of leg room for movie goers. Concessions are very affordable while tickets, regardless of show times, are only \$3.00 until this October when they are having to raise ticket cost to \$4.00. The one down side to the Ritz is that they only have one movie hall so only one movie can be shown at a time. This can also be a plus though because they make their movies count by playing great, popular films that audiences love. One of the films last year that went over really well with students at Saint Joe was The King's Speech. This week they are playing The Dark Knight Rises, which will be followed next week by the Diaries of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days. They find the hit movies of the year and play them one right after the other.

This is great if you couldn't afford to go see a movie when it was first released to theaters because it gives you a chance go back and get that theater experience. Watching it on a laptop or TV is just not the same. The Ritz is also a well loved local theater that brings in a lot of town dwellers. This gives us as students a chance to get to know the people in town and engage in the community. You can find the Ritz right next to the Pub on the square on the west side of the court house. You can also check them out online at ritzcinema.net.

The next time you're in the mood to sit back and take a break with some popcorn and a good movie, check out these theaters. Between the two of them, you'll be able to find a good movie, a great atmosphere, and a ticket price you can afford. They are both great places to take a well-deserved break from college life.



Both the Fountain Stone Theaters (Above, left) and Ritz Cinema (above, right) have great quality setups and the movies to match as well. Fountain stone gets teh newer movies, which you can see for \$5.50 in the afternoon or \$7.50 in the evening. The Ritz gets older movies, but they are only \$3.00. You can't beat that price!

Trouble With The Curve

By Patrick Massoels
Features Writer

Of all the films that could have been the one Clint Eastwood came out of his temporary retirement for, Trouble with the Curve has met a fair share of audience conflict as to whether or not it is a hit or a flop. As far as this reviewer is concerned, there are a fair share of moments that could sway you either direction on the spectrum.

The story is that of Gus (Eastwood), an ageing talent scout for the Atlanta Braves who is a legend in the business. The tragedy is that he is reaching that point in his life when age is finally catching up to him in a terrible way. His sight is slowly fading away, which is very much needed to be a scout. When his friend, Pete (John Goodman), gets suspicious that something might be wrong, he asks Gus's daughter, Mickey (Amy Adams), to go with her father on his scouting trip to North Carolina.

There is far more at work in this movie than just a blind scout and baseball. There is also

a deeper story between Gus and Mickey as they explore the relationship they've shared for years. They have always been distant and never talk and now, on this trip they are forced to cope with

one another.

Here was where I was first turned away from this movie. Mickey is extremely emotional for being a lawyer and the daughter of Clint Eastwood. Even

worse, she is really not understanding of the emotional needs of her blinding father. He wants to do things for himself while he still can and Mickey does nothing but have a tantrum every time

Gus pushes her away so he can do something as simple as unlock a door.

But even with these odd moments between the two main characters and the obvious clues on screen that tip off the audience what is going to happen within the next few seconds, this reviewer genuinely enjoyed the film. It pushed a good message toward the audience about being a family and understanding when not to walk away.

This was the first film in a long time that Eastwood starred in that he did not also direct, such as Gran Torino and Heartbreak Ridge. Perhaps it was the lack of Eastwood's directing style behind his acting that made parts of this film feel more like a PBS special than a compelling story for audiences to get wrapped up in. And, while this was a pretty good movie, Clint Eastwood should look for another movie to end his acting career with than Trouble with the Curve. It might not have been a homerun, but it will at least give you the feel of rounding second base.



Clint Eastwood talking with Amy Adams (left) and invisible Barack Obama (right).

Pumas Push Forward to Homecoming Weekend

By Patrick Wilson
Sports Staff Writer

After a rough three weeks playing on the road, the Pumas returned home for their first home game of the season. After two straight road losses, the Pumas tied their season record at 2-2 with their first ever GLVC victory against Central State University.

Durring their road trip, the Pumas played solid and exciting football in ten of the twelve quarters. In the games against the Crusaders of University of Charelstion (WV) and the Eagles of Robert Morris, the Pumas easily could have walked away with big wins in both of these exciting games.

In the season opener they came away with a shootout Thursday night win against the Valparaiso Crusaders. In the third consecutive away game, some untimely penalties early in the first quarter quickly lead to a 19-0 Eagles lead and late turnovers in the final three minutes left the SJC Pumas out in the cold. That was their second consecutive loss and leave them at 1-2 on the season.

However, in the middle game against the College of Charleston the Pumas had some offensive deficiencies, not only in the run game but also in the passing game, which had succeeded with it's wide open, wing-it style SJC has employed early in the season. For the most part turnovers haven't hurt the Pumas. What it was, is the fact that in thirteen possessions, the Pumas punted nine times, scored two



Junior wide receiver JaMicha Cooper runs for a touchdown against Central State. He had 3 receptions for 104 yards and 2 touchdowns. Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.

touchdowns, and in the other two opportunities SJC fumbled and was forced into a safety. You can also credit the loss to the inability to run the ball. On 74 attempts they gained only 35 yards, for an average of 2.1 yards a carry, and this made it difficult to convert third downs and move the chains.

Moving forward, the Pumas came to their home opener a little frustrated but still very,

very excited. When asked about how the team felt coming into the game and their GLVC opener against the Central State University Marauders, fifth-year senior fullback Pierre Green said, "We've had a pretty good week of practice. The guys are really buying in and trusting what the coaches are teaching. We all have a lot of confidence." The confidence paid off, as the Pumas

beat Central State 42-36. Central State has already made noise in the GLVC this season, beating Urbana, who was ranked 2nd in the conference in the preseason polls.

The Pumas are at home this weekend for the homecoming match up against Quincy University. Kickoff is at noon at Alumni Stadium.

Upcoming Games

Homecoming Weekend

September 28th

Men's Soccer VS University of Southern Indiana - 5:00 p.m.

Volleyball VS University of Southern Indiana - 7:00 p.m.
Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse

Women's Soccer VS University of Southern Indiana - 7:30 p.m.

Men & Women Cross Country @ Lansing Community College

September 29th

Football VS Quincy University 12:00 p.m.
Alumni Field

Volleyball Vs Kentucky Wesleyan College 3:00 p.m.
Richard F. Scharf Alumni Fieldhouse

Men's & Women's Tennis Alumni Game (Time TBA)

September 30th

Men's Soccer Vs Kentucky Wesleyan College - 12:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer Vs Kentucky Wesleyan University - 2:30 p.m.

Men's Golf @ Fall Regional Kansasville, WI

Puma Volleyball Struggles Against Stiff Competition

By Jon Smith
Sports Staff Writer

The Saint Joseph's College Volleyball team has had its ups and downs thus far in the season. Since the Puma Invitational, they've lost six straight, including five GLVC conference match ups.

Against the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, the team lost by less than six points in each individual set, battling until the end.

Included in the recent losses on the Puma schedule is nationally-ranked University of Indianapolis. The UIndy Greyhounds won the first two sets of the match 25-14. SJC rallied in the third set, but it was the final, as UIndy took the set 25-22. In the fierce match, Freshman Anne Sacco and junior Hannah Bedan led the Pumas with 6 kills each, while senior Leah Zehme contributed 15 assists. Junior Alyssa Guarnaccia had 11 digs on the defensive end for the Pumas.

This has been a consistent theme for the Pumas in recent weeks, who have only won a single set in their last 5 matches.

The team fell to Bellarmine, which was disappointing as the team beat Bellarmine in a close match during the Puma Invitational. The Pumas lost this second match against Bellarmine in straight sets. Junior Allison Krips led the team with 8 kills, with Bedan following with 7. Zehme had 13 assists, and Guarnaccia finished with 12 digs. The Pumas nearly held onto the first set, but Bellarmine took it 25-22. The Pumas lost the next two games by a larger margin, but still gave Bellarmine a decent run.

The team hoped to rally this loss in their next match up against McKendree University, but fell barely short. Despite the fact that McKendree won in straight sets, the Pumas made them work for it, losing by a margin of less than four points each set. In this heartbreaker, Bedan let the team

with 10 kills. Zehme finished the match with 8 kills, 15 assists, and 11 digs. Guarnaccia and Krips led the defensive end with 13 digs each.

The next GLVC match up comes against the University of Southern Indiana on September 28th.

The Pumas have faced a tough schedule so far and have been putting forth a great effort, playing very hard in every game so far this season. They work hard everyday in practice and in their workouts, and it is showing with the outcome of some of these individual matches. They just need to put it all together in their next couple of games so that they can get their season back on track as the year goes on. It is still fairly early in the season so, again working with a young team, even with the veteran players that they have now might be difficult to get some of these close victories because most of the team is still learning.



Freshman Erin Hyland spikes the ball. Courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P. S.

Soccer Struggles to Find Solid Ground

By Adam Meeker
Sports Staff Writer

Both the men's and women's soccer teams have had a rough start to their season. So far, both teams have lost their last four games.

The men's team played Rockhurst to open their GLVC season. Although the Pumas ended up losing 0-4, they did win the accuracy side of things. The boys went on to lose their next three conference matches against William Jewell, Missouri S&T, and Drury State. The Pumas were outshot 34-18 in shots on goal in their past four games. The men did show a strong side to their attack against William Jewell when they had several shots late in the second half. One shot came from sophomore Shawn Krager on a direct kick that landed just a couple of feet past the crossbar. The other close shot that came later in the period came from senior Kevin Amaizo, who just barely missed the left side of the goal as it brushed off the post. Unfortunately, the late rush of shots on William Jewell did not pay off for the Pumas. They ended up losing that game 2-3. The men played Bellarmine and McKendree University on the 21st and the 23rd.



Junior Amber Zendzian runs with the ball against William-Jewell. Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.

On the ladies side, the women scored one goal in their past six games while their opponents scored sixteen. Although the women have had a rough start to their season, their team consists of fourteen freshmen. With this amount of young talent on the team, it's going to be hard to find chemistry early in the season. The Pumas have struggled to get the shots against their opponents. They were outshot 87-40 in the past four games. Along with all the new talent comes a new assistant coach, Mia Moody. Coaching changes with the assistant coach and the head

coach within the past two years has been rough on the Pumas. With last season ending up 1-14 in conference, the Pumas are looking to take advantage of having young talent and new coaches. Although the numbers are not comparing to those of their opponents, there are still many opportunities for the Pumas to take advantage of their young players.

Coming up, the Pumas face off against University of Southern Indiana on the 28th and Kentucky Wesleyan on the 30th. Go Pumas!

Puma Athlete Profile

By: Brendon Varallo
Sports Writer

Maiscie "Mace" Grier is a Freshman Art Major from Las Vegas, Nevada. He is also a member of the Men's Basketball team.

What made you decide to come play basketball at Saint Joseph's?

I came here because of the education and Coach Davis, the head coach, made me feel the most comfortable out of all the other coaches I talked to.

How do you like being here so far? Has the adjustment been easy for you?

It has been great so far. I get along well with all my classmates and professors. The adjustment has been pretty easy because I have always been pretty independent.

What position/s do you play?

I play the shooting guard and point guard.

How long have you played?

I have played since I was 5.

What do you think about your new teammates?

Even though I was not here last year, I can see that all of my teammates have a positive attitude this year about this year's season. It's good to see everyone on the same page.

What personal goals do you have for this season?

My goals are to hopefully come make an impact on the program that will help the team have a successful and better season than last year.

Kaht and Hanlon Continue to Lead Pumas on the Course to Success

By J.J. Miller
Sports Editor

At the National Catholic Cross Country Invitational, hosted by none other than Notre Dame, the Saint Joseph's College Pumas competed against some of the best teams in the nation from all levels of competition. Juniors Trisha Hanlon and Richard Kaht continued to lead their respective teams again this weekend. The women's team earned a 6th place finish as a team, while the men's team fought to a 12th place finish.

Hanlon led the lady Pumas

with her 17th place finish, coming across the line at 19:12, a 24 second improvement over her new personal best she set at Wisconsin-Parkside earlier this season. Second for the team was sophomore Frehiwit Negassi, with her 38th place finish of 19:38. Third was senior Kirsten Hart, who finished with a time of 19:52, good for 48th in the highly competitive field. The other top finishers for the Pumas were Katie DeBoy and Andie Strang, who finished back to back in 58th and 59th, and Kelli Lippold, who finished in 69th.

As he has in previous meets,

Richard Kaht surged ahead to lead the men's team, this week finishing in 21st with his time of 26:20. Next on the team were fellow juniors Mike Fauser and Jake Carden. Fauser finished in 27:11, while Carden followed in 27:27, earning the two 53rd and 61st, respectively. Another junior Corey Dowds, finished in 86th with a time of 28:02. Bringing up the rest of the pack for the Pumas were sophomore Pat Massoels, who finished in 92nd, and senior Brian Witt, with a 95th place finish. Alex Yong was the 7th man for the Pumas, finishing in 128th.

The Pumas will be back in action on September 28th in Lansing, Michigan, and October 5th, at Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois.

Right: Junior Richard Kaht battles the competition at the National Catholic Cross Country Invitational. Kaht took 21st in the 170-man Division II field.

Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C.P.P.S.



Tennis Kicks off Fall Season

By Katie Guernsey
Sports Editor

The Puma tennis team started it's official fall season September 15th and 16th at the Ashford Invitational in Waterloo, Iowa.

"It was a decent first weekend for me," said freshman Reid Imel, who went 1-1 in singles and won the four doubles bracket with his partner. "I'm excited to get our real season kicked off. We have a competitive team this year, and I think we're going to do really well once we get into the hang of things."

Coach Reggie Sanderson had positive remarks about the weekend as well. "On the women's side we were very consistent. We were competitive in all the singles and doubles divisions, winning the number one singles division outright with senior Katee Sanderson. We also reached the finals at number one doubles with juniors Katie Guernsey and Marie Kegley.

On the men's side we won four divisions outright. Leading the way for our team was sophomore Danny James winning the number two singles division. I

was also very pleased with juniors Joe Scott and Seth Arthur getting to the finals of the number one doubles. This proved to be a very valuable weekend for us, as we were able to play our entire roster including all the freshman."

The team traveled to Goshen College, a very competitive NAIA school, on Sunday, September 23rd for the first official team match. The women dominated, beating Goshen 9-0, while the men lost with a heartbreaking 5-4 final, coming down to a marathon match from Scott.

"Considering that Goshen is in the heart of their conference season and this was our first official dual match, I was pleased with how we played on both sides," said Coach Sanderson. "We have a few things to work out in the men's lineup still but that's what the fall season is for. I am very happy with the attitude and work ethic of both of my teams this year."

The Pumas will play an exhibition match against Division I Valparaiso on Wednesday, September 26th, and then will play tennis alumni on Homecoming weekend.

Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for September 13
(219) 866-2222
fountainstonetheaters.com

Finding Nemo 3D (G)
4:30, 6:25

Resident Evil:Retribution
(R)
4:35

Resident Evil: Retribution
3D (R)
6:30

The House at the End of the
Street (PG13)
4:30, 6:20

The Odd Life of Timothy
Green (PG)
4:30, 6:20

Trouble With the Curve
(PG13)
4:30, 6:20

Coming Soon
Hotel Transylvania 3D
Looper

The Ritz Cinema

Movies for September 27
(219) 866-0086
www.ritzcinema.net

All movies begin at 7:00 M-F
Matinees every day 2:00

The Dark Knight Rises
(PG13)

Kindhearted Kat and Giddy
Gloria Take a Break
Plain Jane steps in for the week

Have questions for Giddy Gloria and Kindhearted Kat or Plain Jane? E-mail them to rpt8460@saintjoe.edu!

Dear Plain Jane,
I'm bored! What is
there to do in this place?

I'm so glad you asked.
First of all, there are tons of
free, club-sponsored events
on campus! GO TO THEM.
They're free, you don't
have to drive to them, and
they usually turn out to be
pretty fun. There are things
like musicians, comedians,
bingo,
intramural sports, etc., etc.
In addition, get

involved on campus! I
didn't my freshman year
and I regret it. Being
involved makes everything
a million times more fun.
Plus it's a great way to
explore
interests outside your
major.
And finally, though
Rensselaer seems small,
there's actually a lot to do
here! Right next door to
the school is Strike Zone,
the bowling alley. Saint
Joseph's College students

get free shoe rental, and
they have dollar bowling
nights as well. Plus, they
have some fantastic snacks
there, too. There's also
Fountain Stone Theater
behind Wal-Mart and The
Ritz in town. Fountain
Stone shows new releases,
but The Ritz is a one-room
theater that offers older
movies for a cheaper price.
If you feel like
revisiting your childhood,
there is also Bazz's,
a skating rink on the

north side of town. Get a
group of friends and just
go exploring! You'll be
surprised what you find out
there.
There's also Lafayette
and Merrillville to visit, as
well as Indianapolis and
Chicago a little farther
away. Good luck in your
adventuring! I hope it goes
well.
Sincerely,
Plain Jane

Over
Heard

Heard something crazy
or scandalous in the
cafeteria or around
campus?
E-mail rpt8460 with
your anonymous sub-
mission! You may see
it in the next issue.

Girl #1: Guys, I don't understand mermaids. How do they breathe?
Girl #2: They have gills.
Girl #3: Did you know mermaids don't exist?

Girl: What do you call a cat that ate a duck? A duck-filled-fatty-puss!

Boy to Student Financial Service (SFS): I heard you were giving out checks today.
SFS: We are! Do you work on campus?
Boy: No.

This Week's Creative Stuff

from Saint Joseph's very own English and Creative Writing Department

The First

A poem by Randee Portteus
Staff Editor

Awkward tooth-knocking kisses,
an empty parking lot.
Sunset.
It's getting dark
and certainly past your curfew.
But your fingers still catch my belt loops,
pulling me closer (to you),
refusing to let me go (away).
I'm not going anywhere.
I step away
only to come back
again and again.
You take off your glasses (serious business).
Your hair is pushed up in the front (dork).
Your hands are too eager
but I only laugh.
I am young
and I'll never forget this.

A collection of Poems

By Allison Stanton
Staff Writer

BEAUTY
Beauty, beauty, beauty.
It's all overrated.
Nothing is beautiful and everything is beautiful.
Open your eyes and I'd capture your heart,
Leaving you beautiful.

PRISONER
Lure me in, you've captured my heart,
I wear it on my sleeve.
Your arms are no less than my chains,
Your eyes are a trap.
Captured, captive, captivated;
You leave me breathless.

WINTERTIME
Snow crunches underneath feet,
The icy wind serenades the lasses' faces.
A playground has finally fallen.
Grins and eyes sparkle with the snow,
Imaginations still exist.

ANGELS
Carry me when my legs fail,
Show me how to see,
Guide my love towards every man,
And restore faith in humanity.
The warriors, ready to be called,
Become a safe haven for all who tried.
Winged soldiers stand guard with me
His peace-makers, never leaving my side.
Light so bright that I get blinded;
A hand too strong to fight,
They give so much love that I collapse.
I do have a human's might.

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poetry? Draw cartoons? This section is
specifically FOR YOU! If you have some-
thing you'd like published in the paper,
e-mail it to rpt8460!